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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES

1. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT SEVERAL CHANGES IN CABINET ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY BANZER GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT. THESE CHANGES WERE TO HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED IN LATE JANUARY, BUT WERE POSTPONED TO CURRENT MONTH BY WORKER AND COMPESINO UNREST AND RESULTING STATE-OF-SIEGE IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT. MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CHANGE IS THAT OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, WHO WOULD BE REPLACED BY A BARRIENTISTA, PROBABLY EDWIN TAPIA. REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER PEREDA ASBUN WOULD BE CONCESSION TO CRITICS OF RECENT PRICE INCREASES AND SCARCITIES OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS, WHILE AT SAME TIME IT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO RECENT BARRIENTISTA DECISION TO ENTER FPN AS EQUAL PARTNER WITH FSB AND MNR. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED THAT MINISTER OF STATE WALDO CERRUTO SOON TO BE ASSIGNED AS BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA AND HIS POST IN CABINET ABOLISHED. OTHER MAJOR CHANGE BEING CONSIDERED BY BANZER GOVERNMENT IS REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR CASTRO BY ANOTHER MILITARY OFFICER. LA PAZ RUMOR MILL ALSO HAS HINTED AT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, CONEPLAN AND TWO OR THREE OTHER MINISTRIES.

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2. GOMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CABINET CHANGES NOW UNDER

CONSIDERATION REFLECT DESIRE OF GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE COMPETENCE OF CERTAIN MINISTRIES, IN LINE WITH TECHNICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE APPROACH WHICH BANZER HIMSELF HAS ADVOCATED IN RECENT SPEECHES. WE SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD AT PRESENT THAT MILITARY INSTITUTION OR PRESIDENT BANZER HIMSELF WILL DECIDE THAT CURRENT SITUATION CALLS FOR AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET.
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